EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Michael J. Buchenhorner (Registration No. 33,162) on 4/6/2009.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In claim 1, line 3, **DELETE** ~~store nodes;~~   **INSERT** store node,

REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record, Keller (US Publication 2003/0050849 A1), Otsuka (US Patent 7,281,251 B2), and Jani (US Publication 2005/0049974 A1) teach analogous art to the instant application, that of collecting and processing business data and transactional logs in a network. Keller more specifically teaches collecting data in various nodes in a network and storing data items and information in a common format. Otsuka more specifically teaches collecting point of sale data in devices and monitoring the status of data items. However, after careful consideration of the Response (pages 5-7) filed

3/2/2009, the applicant extensively and specifically pointed out how the claim

amendments overcome the prior art of record, particularly the ability of Keller to collect

and store data in a server by utilizing a common format. Keller teaches that once data is

collected in various nodes, the information is then forwarded to a server and converted to

XML language format, including attributes of the data items that can be utilized by a

user. The prior art of Keller in view of Otsuka does not specifically teach a decision

being made on transforming data into XML language format in either a plurality of store

nodes or in a server enterprise node, as disclosed by the instant invention.

This feature is indicated in independent claim 1, wherein determining whether to

process, during a period of time, the collected transaction log data in the store node based

on relevant store node processing conditions, converting the transaction log data to XML

data in the store node if the store node processing conditions are all satisfied and then

sending the transformed data to the enterprise node for storage, and sending the

transaction log data to the enterprise node for converting the transaction log data to XML

data in the enterprise node if the relevant store node processing conditions are not

satisfied. Consequently, independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2-3, 5, 8, 10, 12-13,

15-17 as amended are allowable over prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later

than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on

Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANGELINO N. GORTAYO whose telephone number is (571)272-7204. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tim T. Vo can be reached on (571)272-3642. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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